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New full-time faculty hired

SEVEN ADDED TO STAFF

KEELI BOESIGER
SOCIAL WORK

McDonald straws, apparently, have more than just one function. For professor Angela Holt, these straws were used not only to sip drinks, but to conduct large orchestras of teddy bears and dolls who beautifully played music from a tape player. Holt is now one of seven new full-time faculty members at Northwestern this fall.

Discovering her love for music early in life, Holt chose to make a career of it. She is currently directing the symphonic band, jazz band, chamber ensembles, and teaching music education classes at NW. She has been teaching for many years, and found herself on campus after most recently teaching at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. But music was not all that drew Holt to NW. Holt appreciates the Christ-centered focus that many on campus share.

"The opportunity to pray in school and know that we're doing this for a greater purpose is really special," Holt said. Faculty members also reached out to her.

"Faculty here were emailing me and saying I'm praying for you regardless of what happened with the job. I'm thankful to just be with the people here. The people and the Christian environment are a major pull."

Returning to campus this fall is alum Heidi Douma, now as an instructor in education. Douma graduated from Northwestern and has since had many years of teaching experience.

She taught early childhood special education (ECSE) in Northwest Area Education Agency in Iowa for eight years. She started her career as a pre-kindergarten teacher, and then went on to a preschool/ECSE teacher at Sibley-Ocheyedan Elementary school. And now she finds herself back in Orange City.

Also returning is alum Nicole Wede. Previously a registered nurse at the Sanford Medical Center, Wede is now an instructor for NW's nursing program. Her experience comes from practice as a medical surgical, emergency room and obstetrics nurse.

Serving in the social work department is Jo Thyr. Thyr worked many years in the healthcare field as a medical social worker. She is currently serving as a one-year sabbatical substitute for professor Valarie Stokes. Thyr received her bachelor's degree for social work from Northwestern and her masters from University of Iowa.

Joining the business department this fall is Han-Yen Kao. Previously a lecturer in the economics department at Rutgers University, Kao won the prize for outstanding graduate student teaching. He holds master degrees from Rutgers University, as well as National Chengchi University in Taiwan. Kao has presented his behavioral economics and empirical microeconomics research in several locations, including Rutgers University, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and several conferences around the U.S.

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FROM TOP LEFT: Angela Holt, Heidi Douma, Nicole Wede, Jo Thyr, Han-Yen Kao, Melanie Nyhof and Cambria Kaltwasser.

A day in the life of a: theatre major

NEW SERIES EXPLORES LIVES OF STUDENTS

ALEXIS KARSJENS
LITERATURE

Many believe that life is a theater set and this is of no exception for sophomore theatre major, Derrick "Goose" Jansen. Jansen, who recently declared a double major in Public Relations, hails from Sully in south central Iowa. Starting at a young age, Jansen became interested in theater.

"I did little productions through grade school and then my seventh grade year they started a big production at one of the bigger schools in our area. I loved it so much that I did it the next year! So I kept doing all the shows in high school as much as I could. This was what I wanted to do—I wanted to be on stage for the rest of my career," Jansen said.

Jansen's time as a Northwestern theatre major entails a very busy schedule where free time can be scarce. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Jansen wakes up and showers around 8:00 a.m. before his 8:55 Spanish

class. Like most other college students, Jansen values a half hour of sleep much more than a half hour of a would-be breakfast.

Around 11:50, Jansen attends a public relations class before going to his first theatre class of the day after lunch. Acting class from 2:10-3:10 p.m. with professor Karen Barker is a highlight of Jansen's Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"She gets us up and moving, energized, and teaches us how to perfect our craft," Jansen said.

Jansen's schedule on Tuesdays and Thursdays begins around 9:25 a.m. with another general course, Christian Story II. Early afternoon class and rehearsals are followed by a very quick lunch before Theatre Production Ensemble. This is a staple class for many theatre majors, because it gives students a variety of experiences within a production, both on stage and behind the scenes.

Another highlight of Jansen's schedule is Sound Design with professor Drew Schmidt on Thursday afternoons.

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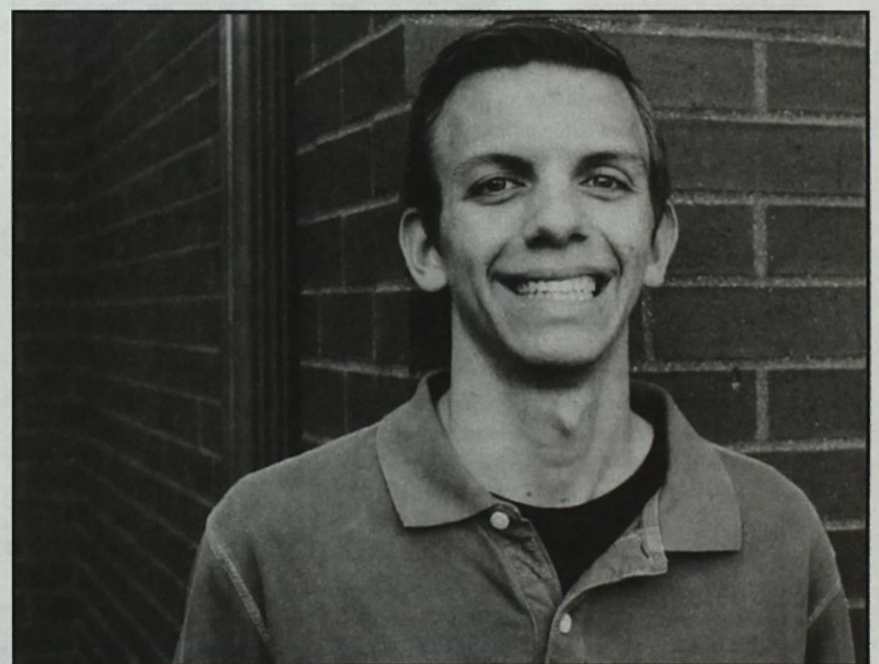


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Sophomore Derrick Jansen has been pursuing his passion for theatre during his time at NW.

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Killer clown lacks in fear factor

MOVIE REVIEW

RATED R
135 MINUTES

JAYCEE VANDER BERG
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Directed by Andrés Muschietti and based on the 1986 Stephen King novel, "It" hit theaters across the country last week. The movie shattered box office records with the largest opening for a September release or R-rated movie, perhaps due to the anticipation and talk of the film rather than a testimony to its horror. Critics warned viewers of the terror, but simply put, the movie really was not that scary at all.

The film is based in a small town in Maine called Derry. The film's nightmarish antagonist

clown, or "It," shape-shifts to match the fear of the child it preys on, feeding on them as its life source so it does not starve.

This intense fear-seeking feature of "It" is perhaps the most frightening part of the film. While the creepy clown scenes were definitely startling, seeing the real problems in each child's life and what they feared most was not only hard to watch but also sad. The human faults displayed were authentic and heartbreaking, especially because many character lines brought attention to the issues that tend to be kept quiet. As viewers began to connect with the characters throughout the film, it was hard not to ache over the struggles each had.

The portrayals of the children are what one might appreciate most about the film. Seven young outcasts bond together over their differences, and each kid has a strongly-built character that keeps viewers interested. The storyline took time to develop each individual, which was a make-it-or-break-it asset to the movie. Each personality had its own distinctive feature, whether it be lip, charm, wit or awkwardness. In the gang of seven, not one character is a weak link to the storyline, and viewers will find themselves adoring everything from their agreeable faces to their young familiarity with profanity.

The setting of the movie is also to be

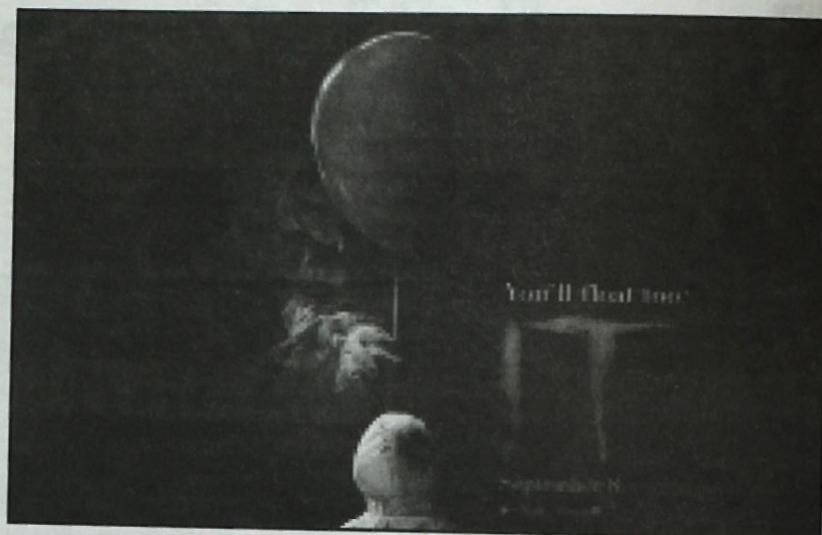


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appreciated. Set in the late 80s, everything from the outfits to town structures was pleasing to the eye. The cinematography was well done, which is notable, as it seems many horror films these days try

to get too complex with filming certain shots. Altogether, the film was enjoyable, but for unexpected reasons. Anyone looking for a film to scare their pants off might be disappointed,

but not too discouraged. While "It" was more entertaining than it was terrifying, it was ultimately just that—an entertaining watch.

★★★

Kesha comes back with new sound

MUSIC REVIEW

KESHA RETURNS
WITH "RAINBOW"

MARIE JEPPESEN
ENGLISH TEACHING

Kesha has had a rough year. After a lawsuit against her former producer Dr. Luke—whom she sued for sexual assault and battery—Kesha also dealt with legal problems regarding new music. She was not allowed to make any new content unless it was with her former producer, but for obvious reasons, she fought for her artistic independence.

And now, after five long years, Kesha has dropped a new album—*Rainbow*—and most likely her best yet, joining the long list of pop stars that have rebranded themselves, such as Lady Gaga, Miley Cyrus and Taylor Swift.

For anyone who used to be a Kesha fan in their middle school and early high school days, you will likely have some associations with her sound: tracks made for dancing and clubs with more of a focus on the beat than the lyrics. However with *Rainbow*, Kesha has changed

her tune, literally.

Most radio listeners are probably familiar with her single "Praying," and also were probably shocked when they found out Kesha was the artist behind it. "Praying" is telling of her album as whole. It's a new sound for a new Kesha.

Now, do not get me wrong: there are still tracks on her new album that sound a lot like the old Kesha, but still, even through those tracks, she displays how her abilities have matured far beyond the "Tik Tok" days.

A large portion of the songs on her new album are explicit, but they all have a common theme of empowerment that might resonate with many listeners. For example, in the chorus of her song "Women," she sings, "Don't buy me a drink, I make my money," and "Don't call me 'honey.'" Some of Kesha's older songs do echo similar messages, but none to this bold of a degree.

The biggest change in Kesha's new sound is her jump back into her country-roots. Originally from Nashville, Kesha dropped her twangy sound when she

broke into the pop world. Now, as she reenters the music industry, she does so with a distinct Nashville sound. In fact, she even features Dolly Parton on one of her tracks, "Old Flames."

She also touches on lighter folksy sounds with tracks like "Godzilla" and "Finding You," the former of which is one of the standout tracks on her album. With a steady acoustic strum and odd lyrics that ask the question: "What do you do when you take Godzilla to the mall?" it's easily one of the most lighthearted tracks Kesha has ever released.

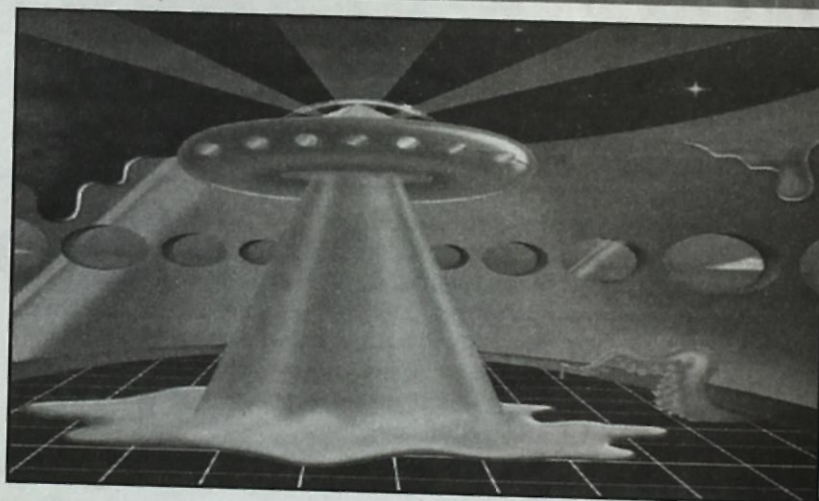


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The sound is definitely different for Kesha, but the album does bounce around

styles quite often, and not all songs are as strong as others. Overall, it's a surprising direction for a new version of an old pop star.

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Say welkom to the new Black V

NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE TEAM

VICTORIA HORN
LITERATURE

It is that time of year again: the time when the first autumn breeze blows another handful of comedians into Northwestern's midst. That's right: it's time to debut this year's brand spanking new Black V members.

Two weeks ago, the NW improv team held auditions and five new members were selected: junior Alli Derr; sophomore Michael Nafe; and freshmen Kit Fynaardt, Anita Jeppesen and Kyle Johnson. Returning to the V this year are seniors Warren Duncan, Lucas Heiberger, Allison Schutt and Abbey Slattery; junior Becky Ochoa; and sophomores Alexander Lowry and Emelie Swonger, as well as junior Black V manager Darby Skillern. This adds up to a grand total of 13 members, although Duncan

is studying abroad in London this semester.

This is unusual: the V has not added five new members in more than four years. However, with five members leaving after this year, the team wanted to leave next year's team with a decent setup. The team was also particularly impressed with these five members.

"We do this thing at auditions called character walk," Slattery said. We ask a bunch of questions so you get to know every aspect of the character. Each of them really stood out to us during the process of that exercise."

While all four of the other new members have experience performing in high school speech, Derr had no experience with improv or performance but had always wanted to join the V.

"I thought about it in the past and was too scared to do it," Derr said. Derr decided to take the risk this year — and

it ended up paying off.

A transfer student from Buena Vista, Nafe was prompted to go to auditions by a mysterious sight: "I saw a poster on a sidewalk, and I literally had to walk around it, so it caught my attention."

And in an even more laid-back vein, Fynaardt auditioned because he "just wanted to do cool things."

Slattery, affectionately known as Ab Slatt, and Schutt, nicknamed A. Schutt, are the co-leaders for the Black V this year.

When asked about her hopes for the new team, Slattery said, "Every year the V has a very different dynamic. Last year we were very witty. This year I want to try to get more physical... But not with each other."

There are a wide variety of majors and interests within the group this year, from exercise science and elementary education to math and computer science.



PHOTO BY: SHELBY MAZNIO
Last year's Black V, featuring past members Will Norris, Julia Van Dyk, James Teutschmann and Abby Bliss

Skillern is "hoping with the different personalities they can still mesh well."

And in true Orange City hospitality, Heiberger merely hopes the new members "will feel welkom."

Although a date for the debut show has not been set,

Slattery recommends keeping up with all the V news online.

"Make sure you follow us on Instagram @nwblackv," she said. "We have a really great social media manager."

Do not worry, though: Swonger, a.k.a. Swongs, cites their next show date as

"sometime between now and the end of the world."

Keep an eye out for those V posters taped to doors and sidewalks and maybe even a stray cat or two. With this group, you never can tell what's comin'.

Tips for living a green semester

A FEW COLORFUL POINTERS

EMILY RAPER
UNDECIDED

Taking care of the environment and protecting the planet God has provided to us can be an important goal for a number of Northwestern students. For those interested in going green, several other students have some tips and tricks to help more people prevent waste and promote recycling and sustainable living.

"I use reusable products whenever possible, from water bottles to shopping bags," SAID biology-health professions and chemistry major Alison Schutt. "Often this requires a bit of planning and thinking ahead, but keeping these resources in easily accessible places can help."

Schutt keeps her reusable shopping bags in her car and a reusable water bottle in her backpack so that using these products proves to be not only handy, but easy to remember.

Daniel Tolsma, a sophomore social work major with a minor in religion agreed, said that

the best way to protect the environment is to follow the old saying: "reduce, reuse, and recycle."

"Always check to see if you can recycle it," he added. "Be conscious of what you can control."

In addition to recycling in general, both Schutt and Tolsma offered helpful insight on how recycling can improve both in Orange City and at NW.

"We live in a small town," Tolsma said. "Walk, bike, scooter, avoid driving and be conscious of the fact that you don't need to drive everywhere. If you can get there on foot, do that."

Schutt agreed, and also offered some suggestions for going green when eating and recycling on campus.

"Every building has recycling cans — sometimes they aren't in the most convenient places, but make the extra effort to find and use them," Schutt said.

She also provided tips for less waste when eating at the Hub, pointing out that to-go cup lids are only necessary when on the go, and condiment containers are daily wastes that could be avoided by pouring ketchup into the basket.

"This is the only earth we get," Schutt said. "Our culture is one that focuses on disposable things, but a few simple choices can help you avoid using many disposable things."

Both students also tied recycling back to scripture.

"In Genesis, it calls us to have dominion over the living things," Tolsma said. "We are called to have dominion over the earth and we are called to take care of the environment through that. If you think

of it as a kingdom and you want a successful rule, then we need to take care of even the littlest of things. Having that caring likeness is important."

Schutt also quotes theologian John Calvin in saying that the "general revelation" found in nature can teach God's people truths about God, as well as about His creation.

"The earth and all of the organisms that call it home form a beautifully complex world that I love to study,"

Schutt said. "Studying science has helped me realize and understand on a deeper level the multiple functions, protections and wonders of creation."

Both Tolsma and Schutt also agree waste is becoming a problem on our planet.

"The environment is in trouble and if we continue to use, abuse and degrade it, like humanity has in the past, then the environment will undergo even more irreversible damage."



PHOTO BY: KELSEY LANG
Students can take advantage of multiple recycling bins around campus.

CAMPUS QUOTES

"*walks into class 10 minutes late*
'Sorry I'm late, I had to pet a cat.'
-Kristen Samek
prof ain't even mad"

—Randyl Lynn Getz

"We really don't have much for snacks right now...'
-Anita Jeppesen
pouring out a bottle of vitamin C gummies."

—Marie Jeppesen

"Guys, I just parked in Hades for the first time. Let's mourn over our non-existing seniority..."
-Mallory Bjork

—Osiris Ordaz

Time to hit the comic books

CONNECTING OVER
COMICS AND GAMES

BLAKE MULDER
THEATRE

As college students, it is important to spend enough time on schoolwork, but it is just as important to take breaks every once in a while. A stop at the Orange City Games and Comics store is a great way to take a break from those hours of study.

Over the summer, OC Games and Comics moved to downtown Orange City from their former space near Holland Plaza. Their new home is at 117 Central Ave SE.

"There was a two-week period where this was a flower shop and then two weeks later we were opening, so that was pretty crazy," said store manager Seth Riphagen, who runs the store alongside Aaron Krull and Patrick DeBoer.

The store sells comic books, board games, card games and action figures. It also hosts weekly events featuring games like "Star Wars: Destiny," "Magic: the Gathering" and "Star Wars: X-Wing."

The store's selection of comics includes most DC characters like Batman, The Flash and Wonder Woman in addition to Marvel characters like Iron Man, Spider-Man and Captain America. They also have comic series based on cartoons like Adventure Time and Steven Universe.

Riphagen had some general advice for those who are new to the world of comics. "You can start really anywhere to be honest

with you, as far as comics go. People get hung up on having number ones, but it's not necessary. Usually people pick up a contained story like 'Killing Joke,' or 'Watchmen'...or 'Civil War,'" Riphagen said.

Riphagen also said the store's stock is updated regularly. They get new releases as soon as they come out, and their backlog includes numerous comics released within the past two and a half years.

The store also carries a variety of board games, such as "Settlers of Catan," "Smash Up," "King of Tokyo" and "Codenames." For newcomers, Riphagen suggested games like "Wits and Wagers" or "Cards Against Humanity."

Riphagen also recommended that students try their hand at co-op games. "If you actually want to start getting into slightly harder games...pick a co-op game. A lot of people aren't very competitive, so you can pick up something like 'Pandemic,' games where you're playing with each other, not against each other."

The store has numerous tables and free games to play, so you are able to hang out and play games with others. Riphagen said there are usually people there most nights. "I'm open till midnight. It's pretty rare that I'm alone when I close. There's usually a few people hanging out."

And for those new to board games, Riphagen is more than willing to help people learn the tricks of the trade. "I can try to teach a game. I can't guarantee you I can teach all of these, but I can attempt to," Riphagen said.



PHOTO BY: MATTHEW SHUKA

Orange City Games and Comics store offers a wide selection of comics and games.

When asked about some of his goals for the store, Riphagen emphasized his desire to create community: "We just try to provide a social structure for people. You can buy a game online, but you can't buy friends to play a game with you. So... if you want people to play the game with you, it's nice to have a place like this where you can actually

meet people to do that."

Whether you are a veteran to playing board games and reading comics or you have not touched one since middle school, OC Games and Comics provides ample opportunities for meeting new people, reading comics about your favorite characters and playing games with friends.

Jansen's life both on and off the stage

FROM PAGE 1

As a hands-on class, Jansen said, "Drew makes it fun and such a party."

Rehearsals take up most of Jansen's time no matter the weekday. Much of the work that goes into a NW mainstage production takes place from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 12:05 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Currently underway for the NW theatre department

is a production of Ronald Dahl's beloved children's book, "Fantastic Mr. Fox." Jansen has two roles in the show: Farmer Bean and Rat.

When speaking about his role as Farmer Bean, Jansen said, "It's really fun! The farmers in my opinion are some of the funniest characters in the show, so I'm really excited for it."

Most of Jansen's free time is taken up by homework and line memorization for

his current production, but he still tries to make time for movie nights or game nights with his friends in Hoppers Hall. Jansen loves talking to people and joining in on all of the action.

"The theatre majors say they basically live at the theater, and yeah, I'm working my way into that," Jansen said. "I'm kinda here a lot, but that's all right because I like it here."

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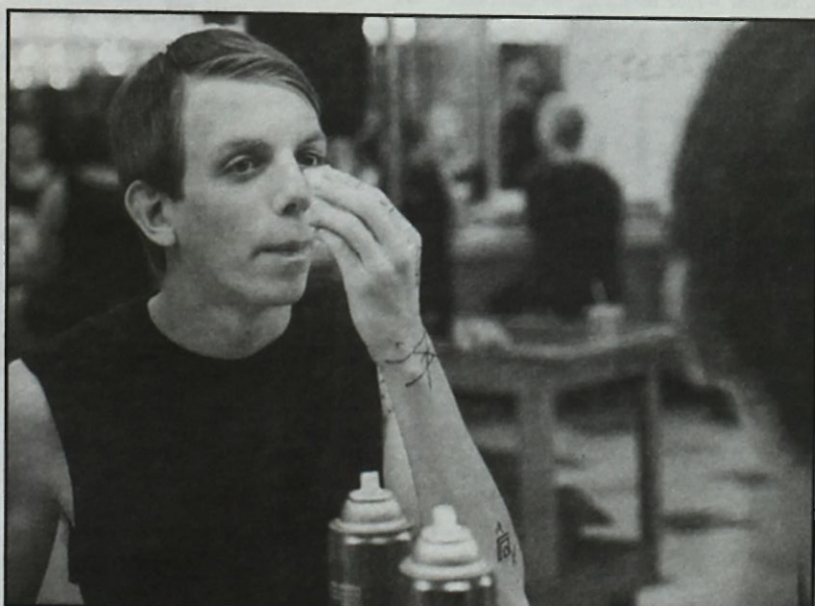


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Jansen applies stage makeup backstage before last fall's mainstage production.



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Meeting international peers

STUDENTS FROM
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VANESSA STOKES
LITERATURE

At Northwestern, there are 40 international students representing 24 different countries. With a campus size of 1,200, 40 does not seem like much at a glance, but when thought of in terms of individual people each with their own stories to tell, the number seems much larger.

Three of these unique individuals in attendance this year are freshmen Nate Tjernagel, Alexandra Boursiquot and Ali Almail.

Tjernagel is from Cáceres, Spain. He is an exercise science major who loves sports, people and missionary work. Tjernagel has a few reasons why he decided to go to NW.

"The United States has more choice than in Spain and a lot more job opportunities since the employment rate is 21 percent

there," Tjernagel said.

Tjernagel also credits the fact that his older sister is a sophomore here at NW as another reason he chose this school.

Moving from Spain all the way to small town Iowa has not been as much of a challenge as Tjernagel expected. Moreover, he loves meeting all the new people.

The only struggles are listening to classes in English rather than Spanish, as well as not having time every day to take naps.

Still, Tjernagel has taken all that he has learned here so far and created some advice for students.

"Take advantage of the community," Tjernagel said.

"Take every chance you have to do something fun. Even if you're stressed, it's a good time to break and see God in different ways."

Another new international student this year is sophomore biology-health professions and Spanish double major Alexa Boursiquot. Originally



PHOTO BY: ABIGAIL MOODY
Alexa Boursiquot is one of the 40 international students on campus this semester. She is a sophomore bio-health and Spanish double major from Haiti.

from Haiti, Boursiquot hopes to become a doctor while in the United States and then return to Haiti to help her people.

Boursiquot speaks four different languages: French, Creole, English and

Spanish. She even teaches her friends how to speak these languages just for fun.

Her choice to attend NW was made due to a board member who encouraged her to check it out. She fell in love with the small school

feel and the similarities to the Catholic schools in which she had grown up. Boursiquot also has been able to take her experiences so far at NW and create some words of wisdom for the students here.

"I think we better enjoy the warm weather until it goes away," Boursiquot said.

Finally, a third new international student is freshman bio-health major Ali Almail. Almail has an art minor that he says could potentially turn into a major. Almail is a dual-citizen of both Canada and Bahrain. His mother is Canadian while his father is Bahraini, so his time has always been split between the two countries.

He chose NW due to its community. He encourages the student body to slow down.

"Take time to enjoy the simple things around you," Almail said. "The sunrise, the sunset, the trees; we get so caught up in what we're doing that we forget how everything is around us."

These are just three of the 40 international students at NW this year. All of them have a different story and bring something new and unique to the community here at NW.

We all scream for ice cream

BLUE BUNNY PAYS
PEOPLE TO EAT

LIZZY JOHNSTON
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Taste testing ice cream: sound like a dream come true? What about taste testing ice cream and getting paid to do so? Sound too good to be true?

Orange City is conveniently located only 20 minutes from the Blue Bunny Ice Cream Parlor in Le Mars, where Blue Bunny set their Ice Cream Capital of the World.

In order to continue keeping their company moving forward and keep customers happy with their products, Blue Bunny has implemented a team of ice cream taste testers to give feedback on new flavors and desserts. Testers have an opportunity approximately once a month to sign up for a taste testing that takes place in the corporate headquarters, also located in Le Mars.

Testers must complete a screening prior to each taste test where they answer questions about what type of ice cream and frozen novelties they have personally consumed in the past few months, as well as giving their interest in testing a variety of different ice cream treats. Once the questions are answered, if they qualified for that test, they pick a time during the test day to come eat new, unreleased ice cream.

On the day of the taste test, testers arrive at the headquarters and live the dream of getting paid to eat ice cream. Each tester is directed to their own individual desk and chair where the testing will take place.

As the different samples are placed in front of them, they are asked to give honest feedback about each sample, evaluating characteristics including appearance, taste, texture and any changes they would like to see. All of this is done on a computer, which gives immediate feedback to

the company.

Testers are compensated well for their time, taste buds and opinions. After each taste test, every tester is given a 30-dollar pre-paid credit card to be used for whatever they please.

There are various time slots for each taste test day that work with college students' diverse schedules. Northwestern junior Jessica Mulder is only one of many NW students who has this unique job. She first began hearing about this experience when she was young because her mother used to work at Blue Bunny.

"Once I got to school at NW I realized a lot of my friends were doing it too, so I was like, 'Hey, why not finally sign up for this?'" Mulder said.

Her favorite part of the job is getting paid to eat ice cream, which is most likely the case for all students involved. She receives emails from Blue Bunny every 2-3 weeks for taste test opportunities.

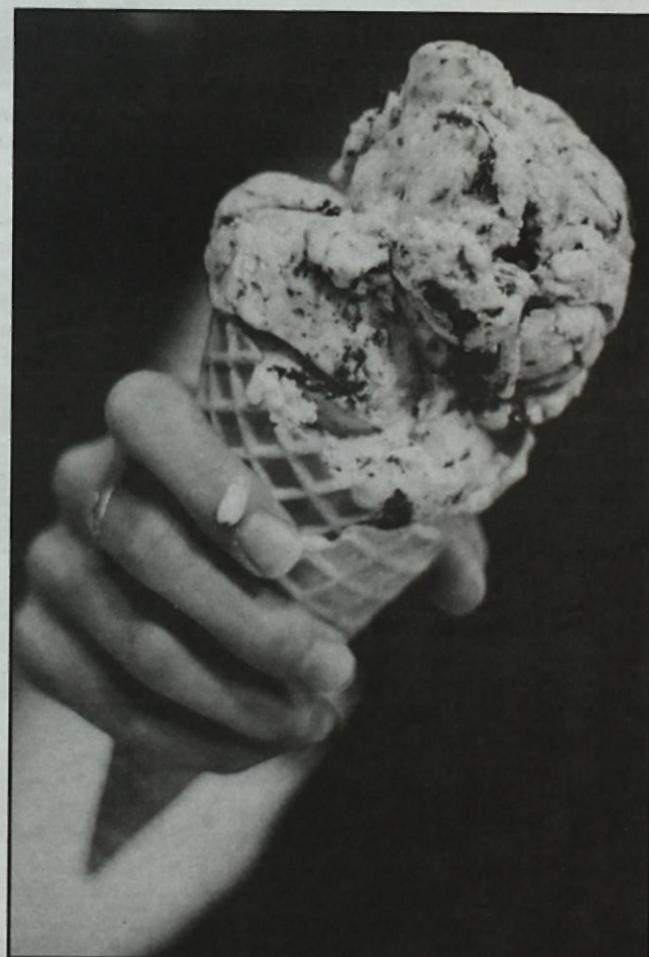


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Blue Bunny is always looking for more people to sign up for taste testing, and those who want to can sign up online!

Want to sign up to be a taste tester?

If anyone wants to add "ice cream taste tester" to their list of job experiences, all they need to do is simply go to this link: www.wellsenterprisesinc.com/about/tasters.

Once signed up, a person is automatically in the system for taste testers and will be emailed every time a new taste test opportunity

is available.

This job won't go a long way in helping to pay for tuition, but it is a special opportunity to take advantage of and it will help you accomplish some of the finer things in life: eating ice cream and making a little extra money.



A time to listen



DAYTON HALL
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Fall is right around the corner! And of course this means the autumn attraction that is a favorite of northwest Iowa is officially open. Pumpkinland is the perfect destination for families, brother-sister wing events and first dates. The variety of activities including the corn maze, petting zoo and gift shop are sure to entertain many.



Raiders are four weeks into school but are still unaware of how many Christian Formation credits they currently have due to the lack of the usual weekly updates about how many credits have been accumulated so far this semester. It is especially unfortunate for those who only have limited times to fulfill their credits because of classes or other obligations.



With fall being a week away this also means the return of pumpkin spice. For some this is a joyous occasion, but in reality, this seasonal flavor is overused and quite bland. There are so many other flavors that are superior to that of pumpkin spice, and it will not be enjoyable to be bombarded with endless commercials and advertisements.

age, walked over to me and asked if I would like some help. Not knowing what else to say, I said, "Sure if you guys really want to help, you're welcome to." Then, to my surprise, the whole group busted out in laughter, and in an attempt to teach me a life lesson, they then went on to say how foolish I was to accept their help. They argued that in life we need to be completely focused on ourselves as individuals and not accept or offer help to one another. This makes us weak and will ultimately distract us from getting where we need to go in life.

Surprised by their statements, I took a few moments to gather my thoughts. After experiencing nothing but kindness and help for the last three months from the people I had experienced here in the Middle East, these guys were breaking the social norm of what it meant to be a Muslim in Oman and the core values of what it means to practice Islam.

I then went on and asked if they themselves had ever received any help in their lives. Laughing, they said no: they had done everything on their own and would never need any help. I paused, and, looking at the self-proclaimed leader of the group, I asked

if it would be ok if I offered my help to him. He stood there semi-surprised, so I continued on and graciously pointed out that his white shirt was inside out. The whole group paused, looked at the bright red face of their leader and then fell to the ground dying with laughter.

Soon after this embarrassing episode, the leader also found this situation humorous, and he cracked up too. We all ended up spending some time together the rest of the evening, hanging out, talking and getting to know each other better. I am a true believer in learning about one another through intentional conversation.

Listening to others well can create an atmosphere of comfortability where dialogue is mutually challenging yet also respectful. Unfortunately, this conversation started off with the demoralization of my sandcastle, but from there I was able to understand why they believe what they believe and the experiences that have brought them to where they are today.

It's staring us in the face



DANIEL TOLSMAN
SOCIAL WORK

In recent weeks, there have been four hurricanes in the Atlantic and three of them happened at the same time. The states of Calif., Ore., Wash., Idaho, S.D. and Mont. are on fire, as well as the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. This extreme weather has never been seen before, and this extreme weather was predicted by climate scientists. Climate change is getting worse. Droughts are taking longer to recover. The ocean is continuing to grow warmer, causing extreme weather.

We need to cooperate with each other and solve this problem. Human-caused climate change is happening, and we need

to do something about it now. We need to quit denying climate change because it will destroy us. The more greenhouse gases we release into the atmosphere, the more severe weather we will have. The evidence is clear, and science has been telling us that this would happen for years.

One problem we face is that the government is hindering climate research. The Trump Administration has destroyed all evidence of climate change from government sources by removing the EPA's website and other easily-accessible avenues that show factual evidence of climate change. Scientists are getting blocked for researching climate change. We need this research so that we can solve human-caused climate change. The fact that our government is covering up the evidence of climate change is disturbing.

As Christians, we are called to take care of the environment, and frankly, we are not doing so. By not taking care of the environment, we are not following God's call. I think that Christians should be the ones pushing to save God's creation because, by caring for the environment, we

are protecting people in need as well. We are helping people by preventing extreme storms which destroy homes, avoiding the rise of the acidity levels of the ocean which kills fish and avoiding the rise of sea levels, which destroys our coasts.

Climate change is something that we need to tackle head-on right now. No longer can we debate about what is happening. We need to trust the scientists who study the climate. Look straight ahead and realize that human-caused climate change is staring us right in the face.

We can do something about it too. With a collective effort, such as the United Nation's Paris Agreement that America pulled out of after initially being a part of the original agreement, our world could make steps together towards a better Earth. We can help preserve the planet for future generations instead of leaving them with a mess that will be even more difficult to deal with. It is time to act!

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Senior Isaac Wong challenges his opponent to win the header.

Heartbreaker in double overtime

SOCCER PLAYS WELL
AGAINST RANKED TEAM

KENDRA MCGINNIS
Public Relations

At home last Saturday the Northwestern men's soccer team took on the 12th-ranked Baker University Wildcats in a soccer match that would end in a heartbreaking loss for NW in double overtime. The final score was 1-2 with the winning goal being scored by BU in the 108th minute.

NW and BU went scoreless throughout the first half. Both teams were evenly matched, going back and forth with each other, which yielded a variety of chances for both teams. The first goal of the match came at the 39th minute with a long-range strike from BU, allowing the Wildcats to take the lead. However, BU's lead did not last long; five minutes later NW responded with a goal of their own. In the 44th minute junior Tyler Limmer put forth a great individual effort beating the BU defense and, in a 1v1 against the goalkeeper, managed to carefully put the ball away. The goal from Limmer was his first this season.

The Raiders entered into overtime with only 10 players due to a series of peculiar events which resulted in junior Jacob Garcia-Nieto being shown both yellow cards and eventually a red card. The event occurred after Garcia-Nieto was removed from play due to an injury. After being tended to by the athletic staff, he returned to the sideline and waited to be waved back into play by the center referee. Garcia-Nieto believed he was waved in, but after a discussion with the referee, it was determined he had not been let back into play.

The game-ending goal came in the final minutes of the second overtime period with BU scoring the winning goal with a well-executed cross from right to left which was then pushed past the NW goaltender junior Matt Scott, who had 9 saves throughout the game against BU.

The men's record drops to 3-2-1 on the season. This upcoming weekend, the men's soccer team travels to Indiana to play two games. The first is on Friday, Sept. 15 at Bethel College. On Saturday, Sept. 16th NW will take on Grace College (IND.). NW will also travel to play Buena Vista University at 7 P.M. on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Men's golf continue great start to season

GOLF WINS THIRD STRAIGHT
SIOUXLAND INVITE

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After coming off a fantastic season that led to an appearance in the NAA National Championship, the Red Raider men's golf team has been continuing that momentum from last year into their fall season. The Raiders started the season off with a second-place finish in the Midland Invite on Sept. 2 and were able to take it a step further this past Thursday and Friday, taking home the Siouxland Invite championship for the third year in a row.

In the first round of the invite, the Raiders were able to shoot 285 as a team, putting them 6 strokes ahead of Morningside and in sole possession of first going into the final round. Senior Justin Kraft and freshman Isaac Knock and Jake Olsen all shot even at 71 in the first round, putting them in a five-way tie for third place as individuals. Junior Austin Reitz finished round one with 72 strokes through

18 holes, and senior Evan Schuler finished with 75 strokes.

The final round of the Siouxland Invite was much of the same for the Red Raiders. As a team, the Raiders were able to shoot a season high of 281, increasing their stroke lead over Morningside by 1 and firmly securing first place. Kraft continued his dominance from the first round, shooting a 70 through 18 holes and finishing tied for second place individually. Schuler had an impressive final round, shooting a 69 and finishing in 7th place.

With a championship under their belt, the Red Raiders are feeling positive and looking forward to what the rest of the fall season will hold. "We want to play well in our next few invites to be at our peak going into the conference tournament," Reitz said. "As long as we play well going into conference we will be feeling pretty good."

The Raiders will look to continue their great start to the season at the Blue River Classic on September 19 and 20.

Running with dominance

RAIDERS WIN THE
WEEKEND

BRIAN FOLLETT
SPORTS EDITOR

Both the men's and women's cross country teams made their way to Sioux Center last Saturday to compete in the Defender Classic. Both teams came away with great results.

The sixth-ranked men's team dominated the meet, winning by over 55 points. They scored an impressive 23 points. Concordia was next with 78 points, Morningside third with 83 and Dordt scored fourth with 96 points. All seven Northwestern counters were in the top 20 in the race. Senior runners Tanner Goetsch, Hans Epp, Tim Rose and Peter Smith were the first four to finish the race. Goetsch, Epp and Rose all finished with an 8K time of 26:09 and Smith was only two seconds behind them for fourth place. Freshmen Nickolas Bernhagen and Joshua Starr finished 13th and 17th in the race and Bryce Nitzsche finished 20th.

Goetsch was named GPAC men's cross country runner of the week. He is the second consecutive NW

runner to earn this honor as Smith was awarded the same title last week. Coach Bahrke was extremely happy with the Raiders.

"The men's finish was amazing! Having four Red Raiders zooming towards the finish line was a thrill. Tanner got out from the start and was able to hold off his teammates for the win. I was happy for him and his efforts," Bahrke said.

The Red Raider women also had a solid outing this weekend as they took fifth overall. They were only five points behind Hastings. Dordt won the Defender Classic, beating Morningside by just four points.

Senior Katie Bosch won

the individual title with a 5K time of 18:20, beating the next best runner by 16 seconds. This is Bosch's second straight top-10 finish. Sophomore Breanna Harthorn also had a great day, placing fourth with a time of 19:06, which was her second best career time. Sophomore Emma Van Meeteren placed 25th with a time of 20:20. The other four runners in the top seven for the Raiders placed 33rd (Sarah Lunn), 41st (Rebekah Muilenburg), 48th (Wesley Milligan) and 51st (Sam Sinclair).

The Raiders' next race will be the Roy Griak Invitational on September 23 in Minneapolis.



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Peter Smith, Hans Epp and Tim Rose battle for the win.



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Elliott to focus talk on John 8

VP OF STUDENT AFFAIRS TO SPEAK

SAM SINCLAIR
SOCIAL WORK

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, Northwestern's very own Julie Elliott will speak in Christ Chapel. As the Vice President of Student Affairs, Elliott serves the NW community in the student life division, which encompasses everything from residence life to health services to campus security.

Elliott is also charged with the development and organization of the Ngage series, a Christian Formation series that seeks to gather students by discussing pertinent topics.

While these are just a few of Elliott's administrative responsibilities, speaking in chapel is one of Elliott's more favored tasks, which she describes as "a wonderful opportunity to connect with students." This fall, Elliott feels especially compelled to speak in light of several recent and ongoing national events "in a way that is focused on Jesus and his word."

Elliott's talk is rooted in John 8:1-11, otherwise known as the passage about the 'woman caught in adultery.' Having delved into the text, Elliott plans to focus on the person of Jesus, His ultimate and divine authority, and "how Jesus turns our assumptions about power

and authority upside down" and "offers us a different way of viewing the world." Elliott hopes students will be challenged to reflect on

the way they see others and respond in a way consistent with Christ's example — by "stand[ing] with those who are oppressed." From

this scriptural foundation, Elliott is excited to be used by "sharing a message of truth and good news with our community."

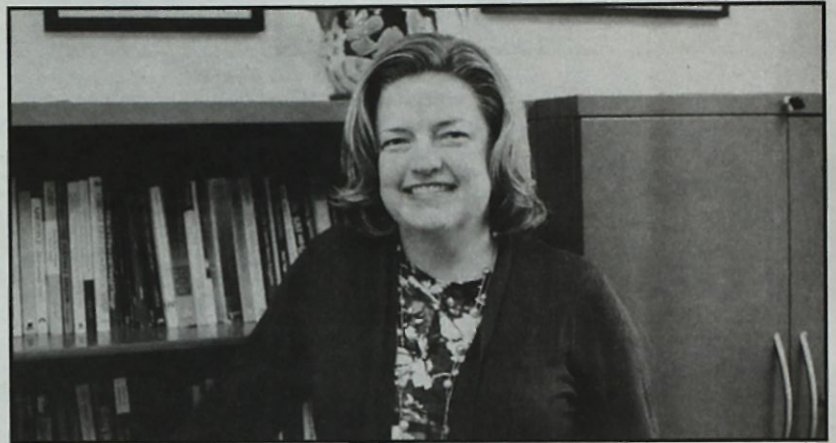


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Vice President of Student Affairs Julie Elliott to speak in chapel.

New professors fill various roles on campus

FROM PAGE 1

New to the psychology department this year is Melanie Nyhof. She has received multiple awards from the University of Oxford, University of Pittsburgh and the University of California. Recently, Nyhof completed

a research fellowship at the Center for Christian Thought at Bola University. She now joins campus as the new assistant professor of psychology.

Teaching in the religion department as an assistant professor and First-Year Seminar professor is

Cambria Kaltwasser.

When asked about her role at NW, Kaltwasser expressed her love for Christ and the students' ability to think.

"I understand my role to be coming alongside students and pointing them to some of the big questions

that I think God is spurring us to ask in this stage of students' life," Kaltwasser said. "I want to help encourage their curiosity and creativity, and teaching Christian story gives me a good opportunity to encourage students to be curious about the God we worship."

As Kaltwasser expressed,

NW is and will always be motivated to grow students' curiosity in life and faith in Christ.

In welcoming the new staff members to the current faculty, NW is striving to do just that.

New chapel mini-series

FOCUSED ON BEING PULLED IN TO GOD

SAM SINCLAIR
SOCIAL WORK

Assistant Dean of Christian Formation Barb Dewald spoke Wednesday in the first segment of a four-week-long series titled "Pulled In: Creating Space to be Shaped by God".

A new addition to the Christian Formation schedule, the mini-series takes place 10:05-10:25 a.m. every Wednesday in the Vogel Room in the upstairs of the Dewitt Learning Commons.

According to Dewald, the idea for the series was spurred by students' feedback suggesting that the continuity of a series would help students "focus or dig deeper into a topic," as well as allowing "more interaction with a particular topic." Each week, the session will feature a specific spiritual discipline, a story of the discipline in practice and several application tips.

The series title originates

from 1 Peter 1:15, which urges: "As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness" (The Message).

This scriptural basis creates an image dear to Dewald, of "being 'pulled in' to all that God offers."

For Dewald, this series holds deep personal significance.

Reflecting on her own spiritual growth, Dewald said, "my connection with God became richer when I discovered there are many different ways to pray...and many other practices."

Dewald encourages students to attend and join her in putting into practice spiritual rhythms that "create space in our lives and then fill it with practices that allow us to listen to and be shaped by God. And as God transforms us, we will live lives that make a difference in the world for the Kingdom."

Students will receive one Christian Formation credit for each installment of the series.

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